

JOEL WRIGHT.

JANUARY 3, 1832.

MR. DAVIS, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following

REPORT:

*The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joel Wright, praying to be released from a balance due on recognizance to the United States, report:*

That the petitioner entered into recognizance for the appearance of one Leroy Jourdon, before the United States' Circuit Court at Richmond, to answer to a charge of forgery; and the said Leroy Jourdon failing to appear, the petitioner became liable to the United States for the amount of the recognizance, to wit, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. The petitioner has been enabled by the sale of his property, (which he states was made at a great sacrifice,) to pay to the Attorney for the United States, the sum of twelve hundred dollars, in part payment of the penalty of the said recognizance, and prays to be released from the obligation to pay the remaining three hundred dollars still due on the said recognizance.

The petitioner states that the sum he has already paid, has taken from him nearly all his property, and that if the remaining sum of three hundred dollars be now exacted from him, himself and wife and children will be reduced to want. The committee will only add, that the affidavits of persons, said, by the representative of the district in which they reside, to be credible, together with the receipt of the Attorney for the United States, fully sustain the petitioner's statements, and constitute a fit case for relief.

